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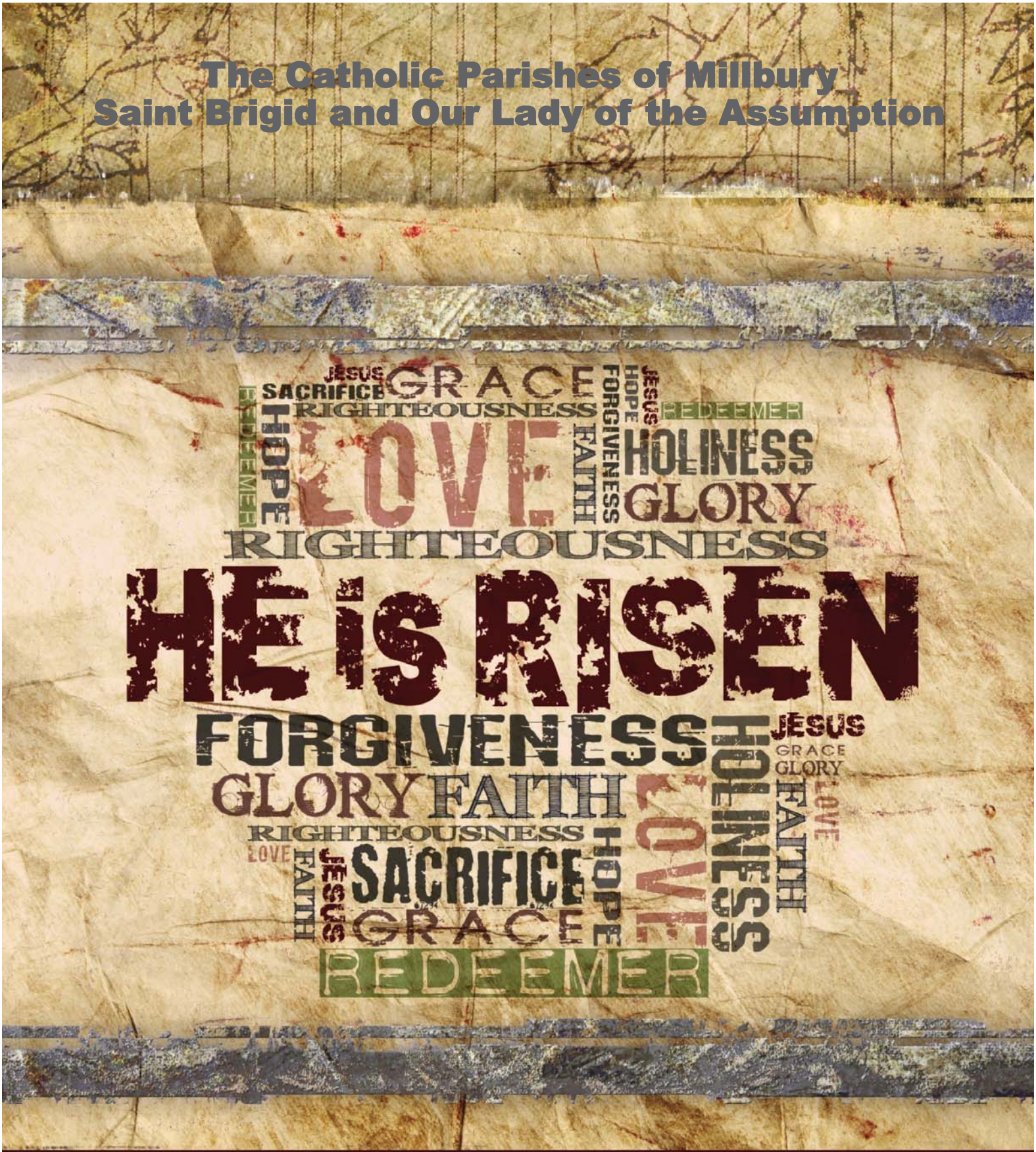
Saint Brigid and Our Lady of the Assumption



Third Sunday of Easter

"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in His name." *Luke 24:46-47*

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF MILLBURY
SAINT BRIGID ✝ OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION

Parish Office

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www.stbrigidparish.org

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www.assumptionmillbury.org

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17 Grove St.
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(508)865-5404
WWW.ASSUMPTIONSCHOOLMILLBURY.ORG
Julie Olson
Principal

St. Vincent de Paul Society Outreach

774-262-5506

Mass Times

St. Brigid Church
59 Main Street
Saturday: 4:00 PM
Sunday: 7:00 AM and 11:00 AM

Assumption Church

10 Waters Street
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekday Mass Times

Monday & Thursday
9:00AM

Tuesday & Wednesday
7:00AM

All at Assumption Church

Parish Staff

Clergy

Rev. Daniel R. Mulcahy, Jr.
Pastor

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Deacon
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Gregory Bernard
Adolescent & Young Adult Faith Formation
Youth Ministry
Communications

Deborah R. Blicharz
Children's Faith Formation
Community Life and Outreach

Claudette Belair
Music Ministry

Sacraments

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated each month. To prepare for your child's Baptism, parents will attend a preparational session. For more information, or to make arrangements, please call the parish office.

Penance and Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
or anytime upon request.

Marriage

Please call the parish office at least one year in advance.

Anointing of the Sick and Communion Calls

Please call the office when a parishioner is confined at home, is in the hospital, or placed in a nursing home or hospice. Holy Communion is brought to shut-ins upon request.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Sat., April 17

4:00 PM **Barbara Francis**
By: The family

Sun., April 18

7:00 AM **Catherine Bannon**
By: Janice Despres

9:00 AM **Rev. Camillus Thibeault, AA**
By: Nancy Tabor

11:00 AM **Ralph Brosnahan and Michael and Kathleen Barna**
By: Rose and Bill Carr

Mon., April 19 - Thu., April 22

No Daily Masses

Sat., April 24

4:00 PM **Karen Melican, 1st Anniversary**
By: Her sister, Josephine

Sun., April 25

7:00 AM **Edwin P. Konicki**
By: Fr. Dan

9:00 AM **Ruth Bourdeau, 1st Anniversary**
By: The family

11:00 AM **Shirley Huchowski**
By: Mark and Rosemarie Brady

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 24, 4:00 PM at St. Brigid
AS: T. & F. Jakubiak
L: D. Blicharz
EM: H. Quan, K. Anderson

Sunday, April 25, 7:00 AM at St. Brigid
AS: J. Mazeika
L: J. Mazeika
EM: T. Mattus, J. Mazeika

Sunday, April 25, 9:00 AM at Assumption
AS: D. & H. Dorsey
L: M. Gabriau
EM: R. & N. LaFlash

Sunday, April 25, 11:00 AM at St. Brigid
AS: N/A
L: J. & J. Geneva
EM: M. Horner, M. Sampson

SCRIPTURE READINGS 2021

SUNDAY April 18	Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48
MONDAY April 19	Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
TUESDAY April 20	Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
WEDNESDAY April 21	Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
THURSDAY April 22	Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
FRIDAY April 23	Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
SATURDAY April 24	Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
SUNDAY April 25	Acts 4:8-12/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY ~ APRIL 17
No Events

SUNDAY ~ APRIL 18
SVDP Meeting @ SBH 10:00 AM
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

MONDAY ~ APRIL 19
AA @ SBH 7:00 PM
GA @ OLAH 8:00 PM

TUESDAY ~ APRIL 20
No Events

WEDNESDAY ~ APRIL 21
No Events

THURSDAY ~ APRIL 22
No Events

FRIDAY ~ APRIL 23
No Events

SATURDAY ~ APRIL 24
No Events

SUNDAY ~ APRIL 25
SLAA @ SBH 7:30 PM

In Loving Memory

John & Julia Anger
Oscar & Marcy Anger
Lee Aubin
Jeanne Augustine
Larry F. Army
Gregory Barlay
Albina Bartkus
Edward Bartkus
Ann Beesley
Arthur G. Boucher
Patricia Bourdeau
Sylvio E. Bourdeau
Joseph & Rose Cataldo
Frank Cammuso
Philip Chabot, Sr.
Rita Cogliandro
Albert and Helen Collette
Pat and Tiff Correia
Donna "Gain" Cournoyer
Karen A. Courville
Roland O. Couture
Arthur "Archie" Cronin
Gerald & Peggy Croteau
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George A. D'Auteuil, Sr.
Kathleen M. DeCillis

Raymond DeRouin
Armand Desorcy
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Timothy P. Eckland
Jonathan Favreau
Lois M. Fisher
Gabrielle G. Gaboriault
Joe & Jean Gagliardi
William Gain, Jr.
Bernice Gaudere
Reggie Gauthier
Richard "Dick" Gendron
Edward & Frances Genis
Ruth Gonsorcik
John & Irene Guyan
Robert James (Sam) Guyan
Betty Hamilton
Derek Hamilton
Thomas & Patricia Hamilton
Robert J. Hamilton
Matthew Hartline
John & Shirley Huchowski
Paul J. Jandron
Joanne Juskavitch
Joseph V. Kane

Richard Kroll
Michael P. Krumsiek
Helen R. LaCrosse
Robert P. LaCrosse, Sr.
Lillian Langevin
Tan Le
Noe R. LeBeau, Sr.
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Kevin Lemoine
Rita Lemoine
Mark Lizotte
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Margaret Matthews
Leo & Jane Metivier
Kenneth Michalak
Mary B. Mrozinski
Lorraine Mooney
Elsie Moquin
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Daniel R. Mulcahy, Sr.
Albert Nikosey
Evelyn Noonan
Joseph Noonan
Rosemary Norton
John P. & Bridget O'Malley
Virginia Richnick

Arlene Riedle
Stephen Rodwill
Elaine Roy
Darlene Russell
Dorothy Russell
Marshall Russell
Michael W. Russell
William Russell
Bob & Rita Shea
Gino Silveri
Lucien Sirard
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Joseph F. Stockwell
James Tabor
Neal R. Thomas
Connor Tronerud
Chester Urban
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Nancy Vaillancourt
Lucille Vecchione
William T. Walsh
Paula Ward
Margaret Wendt
Dolores White
Ronald Woodward
Frank J. Yaz

May They Rest in Peace

Would you like to remember a loved one in our Remembrance section? The cost of enrollment will be a $50 donation for the year. Please contact the office (508) 865-6624 to enroll your loved one(s).

CANDLES

Burning April 17 - April 23

Sanctuary Candle

At Assumption Church

In Loving Memory of

Ruth Bourdeau

Requested by: The Tronerud family

Saint Joseph Candle

At St. Brigid Church

In Loving Memory of

Chester Urban

Requested by: The family

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Mass Intentions and Candles

DID YOU KNOW? *The sanctuary lamp or sometimes called a sanctuary light/candle burns before the tabernacle to indicate and honor the presence of Christ … t o let us know that Jesus is home.*

DID YOU KNOW? *That beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special "Year of St. Joseph."*

DID YOU KNOW? *To honor St. Joseph and the Blessed Virgin Mary, candles are being made available for your intentions at both statues in both St. Brigid and Assumption churches.*

DID YOU KNOW? *Mass Intentions, Sanctuary Candles, and St. Joseph Candles are available for 2021. Masses are still available on weekends and weekdays.*

If you would like to schedule a Mass, Sanctuary Candle, or St. Joseph Candle please call the office at 508-865-6624, send an email to secretary@stbrigidparish.org or stop by the office during regular business hours, Monday – Thursday from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. Please be sure to include your name and phone number in any contact along with your request.

We Believe In The Power Of Prayer

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer Line: 508-865-6853 or 508-756-9854

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, call one of the confidential prayer lines listed above.

Saint Joseph, pray for us!

Fresh from the heavenly stream again the sheep receive their mark from Christ the Shepherd's hand.
O water-born, go where the Spirit calls; seek unity, and all gifts are yours.
You who have taken up the cross, avoid the tempests of the world: So bids this place.

~ Consignatorium inscription, Fifth century

Ministries

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Diocese of Worcester
Catholic Parishes of Millbury
Phone: 774-262-5506

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Third Sunday - 10:00 AM
The Offices of the
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New Members Welcome!

PARISH FOOD COLLECTION

Monthly: First Weekend
Food Bins are located in the Main Entrance of the Church

All food donations must be dropped off on food drive dates and placed in the large blue bins only, no exceptions. NO Perishables, NO Cleanouts.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Monthly: First Weekend - 12:15 PM
St. Brigid Church Hall

Remember in Prayer this Week Those who serve in our Military:

Marc Winchester **Emily Weagle**

Patrick Weeks **Denzel Parker**

Andrew Hafferty

Forms are available at each parish to add names to the Prayer List or call the rectory at 508-865-6624 with your request.

THANK YOU!

A little over a year ago, we began a journey that has been unlike anything some of us have ever experienced in our lifetimes. A virus that has claimed the lives of thousands and sickened many thousands more, has changed just about everything in life as we knew it. Churches were empty. Jobs shut down. Families were separated. Friends were isolated. Sports left the fields and arenas silent. Theaters were dark. Museums were empty. Restaurants stopped serving. Cruise ships stayed docked. Planes flew almost no one. And people grew more and more desperate. Many were lonely. Lots were afraid. Some were hungry. Others couldn't pay their bills. And some souls turned to the Church in their need.

Through it all, the members of our St. Vincent de Paul Society never missed a beat. They continued to hold their meetings with safe protocols in place. They continued to collect and distribute food for those who would otherwise have gone hungry. They continued to help pay bills so people could stay in their homes and apartments, stay warm and well-fed. They continued to care for others at a time when so many others were only able to worry about themselves.

I want to thank our St. Vincent de Paul Society in our parishes for the work you do so selflessly, so quietly all the time, but especially for the heroic efforts you put forth this past year.

The leadership of Leo Lucke as President, Stuart Mulhane and Kevin Crowley as Co-Vice Presidents, Bill Kane, Sr. as Treasurer, and Vicki Aho as Secretary, has inspired the membership to continue in the work of charity when others would stop.

We want to thank you all for being the arm of charity and care in our parishes and for reminding all of us in this most difficult moment in life that, "Whatsoever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, that you do unto me."

May God bless your kind hearts and prosper the work of your hands.

Gratefully,

Fr. Dan and the People of God from our Parishes

Cross Catholic OUTREACH

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Father Theo Okpara of Cross Catholic Outreach will be visiting our parishes the weekend of April 18th to speak at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. Welcome back Father Theo!

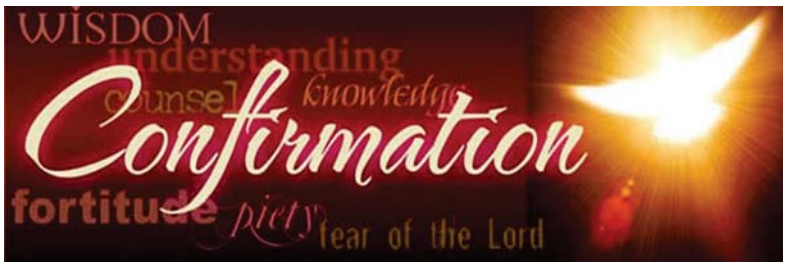
FAITH FORMATION

RCIA ...a journey in faith
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Holy Saturday, April 3rd at the Easter Vigil Mass, our faith community WELCOMED into the church:

Maryann Johnson
and
William Pugliese-Savage

Maryann and William received the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Confirmation. May God continue to bless their journey of faith!



Please continue to pray for our twenty-seven youth who prepared for and received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Three of the candidates received the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil at St. Brigid. The remaining twenty-four received the Sacrament, Monday, April 12th at the Cathedral of St. Paul in Worcester by Bishop McManus.

CANDIDATES:

Kylie Barbour
Jason Bien
Jenna Boria
Cali Brouillard
Lauren Flamand
Jacquelyn Gilbert
Ryan Gleason
Lisette Gonzalez
Emily Hammond
James Hoban
Patrick Hoban
Hannah Irish
Matthew Kelly
Nicholas Kolifrath
Emma Luby
Brooke Maguire
Patrick O'Leary
Jacob Prue
Lauren Rose
Lucas Silveri
Christopher Talbot
Brooke Vaillancourt
Bianca Vincequere
Zachary Wascavage
Erin Wiehn
Nolan White
Rose Winston

St. Brigid parish debt...

Six years ago, we learned that our parishes here in Millbury were responsible for some sizeable debts owed for bills for insurance, retirement, communications, payroll taxes … all of which, for various reasons, had gone unpaid for several years. Our Lady of the Assumption Parish owed close to $200,000.00 while St. Brigid Parish owed even more, over $500,000.00.

Our Pastoral Team and our Finance Board instituted an aggressive plan to pay down the debt, that was supported by the generous and faithful giving of you, the people of our parishes.

You know that the smaller debt at Assumption was retired about two years ago.

Today, I am very happy to report that as of the end of March, the much larger debt at St. Brigid Parish has been **PAID IN FULL**, thanks be to God, and thanks to the hard work of so many who have given so much!

As we move forward, we turn our attention to so many maintenance and improvement projects that have been put off because there simply was no money. Our roofs need attention, our boilers are approaching the outer end of their expected lifespan, our pews need restoring, some of our walls need painting … the list goes on and on.

We would like to continue our collections and envelopes as they have been for the time being so that we can begin to put aside savings to tackle these pressing needs in the not too distant future.

Once again, I'd like to thank our Good Lord for His many blessings on our communities, and you, the People of God of both our parishes for your great devotion to and love for your churches.

Thank You and God Bless You.

Fr. Dan

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LENTEN COLLECTION FOR SENIORS

Assumption School held a Lenten Collection from Monday, March 22nd through Friday, March 26th, to benefit members of our local Senior Community. The money raised was used to purchase gift cards that were given out by the Millbury Senior Center to help buy some basic necessities. We raised $890.00!

Lent is a time of giving and Assumption School families have proven that time and again with their ongoing generosity.

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If you or someone you know has been sexually abused by a priest, religious, or lay person working for the Church, and you need a place to talk about your feelings of betrayal or hurt by the Church, call Judith Audette at the Office for Healing and Prevention, (508) 929-4363. A 24-hour-a-day confidential voicemail is available.

SENIOR CENTER NEWS

COVID-19 Vaccine Assistance
We will assist Millbury residents who are 65 and older schedule a vaccine appointment
The sites open are the larger ones the Governor has set in place. As soon as a nearby site opens up we will call you. If you have a computer you can go on to the Mass.gov website and schedule an appointment
If you do not have access to a computer or require assistance, please call the center and leave your name and phone number ***508-865-9154***

Blood Pressure Clinic
Every Tuesday from 9 A.M. - 10 A.M.
The Blood Pressure Clinic is held inside now.
Come to front door and we will escort you from there!
Masks required, along with social distancing!

Transportation
Transportation is provided for Millbury Senior Residents Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. We travel one town out in each direction including Sutton, Grafton, Auburn and Worcester. A 48 hour notice is required for scheduling rides. Rides are free until July 1st. *For more information or to schedule transportation call the center at.508-865-9154.*

Food Pantry
Our pantry is open for Millbury residents Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM.
Please call ahead to place your order and pick up.

Friendly Visitor Program
Our Friendly Visitor Program is now being provided by telephone. Volunteers call clients to check in with them, chat and hear a friendly voice. *For more information on coordinating a Friendly visitor, call the center at 508-865-9154*

"MEMORY CAFÉ"
Our Traveling Memory Café is visiting people monthly. If you are interested in a visit (outside) please call Julieanne Fitzgerald at the senior center
We are also looking for volunteers to assist with this program. For more information call to RSVP!

"Grab & Go Meals"
Lunch meals will be available to be picked up daily at the front door at 11:30 A.M. Menu is available on Town Website, www.townofmillbury.org or our Millbury Senior Center Facebook page. A 48 hour reservation is required. Call for more information or to reserve.

THE MILLBURY SENIOR CENTER IS ACCEPTING SNAP APPLICATIONS (Food Stamps)
Our appointments are on Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Call for an appointment & required documentation.

Care for Creation Corner
Our Earth, Our Future – Earth Day

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, on which events are held worldwide to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970 and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network, and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.

In the Unites States, the first **Earth Day** had participants and celebrants in two thousand colleges and universities, roughly ten thousand primary and secondary schools, and hundreds of communities across the United States. It brought 20 million Americans out into the spring sunshine for peaceful demonstrations in favor of environmental reform.

Planting trees is the most common way people support Earth Day, but there are many other ways through recycling, water conservation, decreasing our consumption of meat, eating sustainable seafood, walking, or biking, and more than we can do every day to care for our Mother Earth.
"The Earth Day Anthem" (below) is widely sung to celebrate Earth Day. Let us pray, sing, and celebrate, throughout the month of April that we cherish, support, and take action to address climate change, so that we create anew a healthy environment.

"The Earth Day Anthem"

Sung to "Ode to Joy" by Ludwig van Beethoven

Joyful joyful we adore our Earth in all its wonderment
Simple gifts of nature that all join into a paradise
Now we must resolve to protect her
Show her our love throughout all time
With our gentle hand and touch
We make our home a newborn world
Now we must resolve to protect her
Show her our love throughout all time
With our gentle hand and touch
We make our home a newborn world

Lyrics by William Wallace and Barbara George

COVID-19

ENTER/EXIT: Use the front doors only at both churches for entry and exit. Only in an emergency, should the nearest safe exit be used. Please go directly to and from your vehicles before and after Mass.

COVER UP: Masks must be worn at all times in the church except when it is time to receive Holy Communion.

SEATING: Every other pew has been taped-off closed for social distancing. In each open pew we have marked off, with stickers or tape, six feet of spacing as a point of reference. Families/Households sitting together do not need to safe distance.

COMMUNION: Only the Body of Christ will be offered for the foreseeable future. Please practice six feet of social distancing at all times during communion.

SIGN OF PEACE: Please use a non-contact sign of peace with a friendly wave to those around you.

PROCESSIONS: The priest, deacon and ministers will not process via the center aisle before or after Mass.

SANITIZE: While we will have some hand sanitizer pump bottles accessible in both churches, we encourage all to bring their own personal size supply to Mass if possible.

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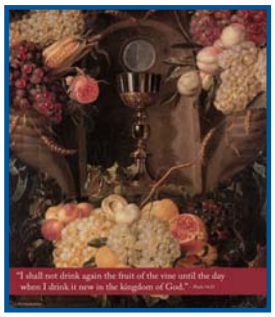

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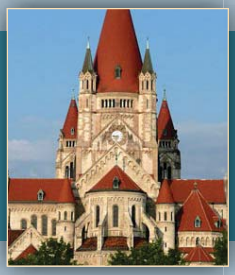

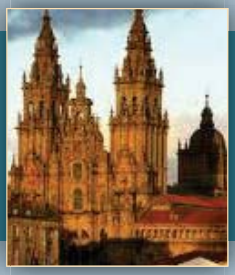

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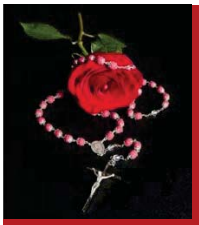

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